

Memo To: All Interested Organizations

From: Capital Region Housing Collaborative (CRHC), Designated Continuum of Care (CoC) for Lansing/East Lansing/Ingham County

Date: September 17, 2021

RE: **FY 2021 Program Competition** - Notification to potential Project Applicants - Please send a **Notice of Intent to apply by Friday, September 24, 2021** to Meaghan Redd, CRHC Coordinator at glhrncoordinator@gmail.com
Application Deadline – Friday, October 15, 2021 at 12 noon (EST) to Meaghan Redd, CRHC Coordinator at glhrncoordinator@gmail.com

The Capital Region Housing Collaborative (CRHC) announces its local competition for HUD homeless assistance services funding available under the CoC Program for FY 2022-23. This announcement provides further information about the local collaborative application process for Project Applicants in the Ingham County geographic area. (See CRHC website at <https://capitalregionhousing.org>). Look for the Grants tab at the top of the main page.) The HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

Funding Available: An estimated \$2,793,839 is available for Renewal and Reallocation Projects. All project grants are for one year of funding with varying start dates. See the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) on CRHC's website for specific projects, grant amounts, and funding cycles. The CoC Board will determine any projects to be reallocated and notice will go out to the CRHC agency network.

Bonus Funding Available: Up to \$139,692 CoC Bonus funding will be available for new projects to: 1) create new permanent housing- permanent supportive housing projects (PH-PSH); 2) create new permanent housing-rapid re-housing projects (PH-RRH); 3) create Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH component projects as defined in the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); 4) create Supportive services only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) projects to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system. **New projects must meet the NOFO "rating factors criteria" to be accepted by the CRHC CoC to avoid rejection by HUD.** (see 2021 NOFO, pp 45-47)

HUD will also make available funding for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects at a minimum of \$50,000 per project up to \$329,469 for: 1) Permanent Housing-Rapid re-housing projects for survivors of DV, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking who are defined as homeless; 2) Joint TH and PH-RRH projects as defined in the 2021 NOFO; or 3) Supportive Services Only-coordinated entry projects to serve DV survivors. See the CRHC website and 2021 NOFO for more details.

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CRHC application forms will be available on the CRHC website (<https://capitalregionhousing.org>) on **September 27, 2021** and should be submitted to Meaghan Redd, CRHC Coordinator at glhrncoordinator@gmail.com by October 15, 2021. Important informational documents, including the CRHC Application and 2021 NOFO will be available on the CRHC website. **New Applicants** –are invited to all CRHC CoC meetings and especially the 2021 NOFO review meeting on **Friday, September 24 at 11:00 am** and the New Applicant Capacity Review meeting on **Tuesday, September 28th at 3:00 pm**. **Please RSVP with your name and email address** to Meaghan Redd, CRHC Coordinator at glhrncoordinator@gmail.com .

CoC Program Priorities: The CRHC and HUD have established priorities. **See Application form.**

CoC Program Description: The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to: 1) the goal of ending homelessness; 2) to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; 3) to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by those who are homeless; and 4) to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. **The HUD homeless policy priorities may be found in Section II of the 2021 NOFO notice.** In summary, HUD priorities are to end homelessness for all persons, use a Housing First approach, reduce unsheltered homelessness, improve system performance, partner with housing, health, and service agencies, address racial equity, and tap the expertise of persons with “lived experience” defined as those currently or formerly experiencing homelessness. 2021 NOFO CoC Program Components to be funded in this Competition are: Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, HMIS and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects. See 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 for component descriptions and 2021 NOFO Section III. A. and B. for definitions and concepts.

Training and Resources: Project applicants needing assistance in completing applications or understanding program requirements under the CoC program may access the CoC interim regulations (24 CFR part 578), training materials, and program resources via HUD Exchange’s web page at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc.

Applicants should review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care Program Competition for FY 2021 in its entirety, the CoC Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578 published July 31, 2012 at 77 CFR 45422 **as amended**), and any related documents and webinars. Questions may be directed to HUD via CoCNOFO@hud.gov or the City of Lansing HRCS Department to Toni.Young@lansingmi.gov. People with hearing or speech impairments may call Michigan Relay Service at 1-800-649-3777 or dial 7-1-1. Those with Limited English Proficiency may contact the Collaborative Applicant (City of Lansing) at Toni.Young@lansingmi.gov for access to local interpreters/translators.

Informational and other meetings: It is recommended for new and returning applicants to attend the 2021 NOFO Review meeting on **September 24th at 11:00 am via Zoom**. Other important details on the CRHC NOFO Process, **including timelines**, are listed on the CRHC website. Check this page often for any updates, questions and answers and other information. Applicants will be notified, in writing, of the acceptance or rejection of their application, with an explanation of the decision, **by October 27, 2021** to the email address provided on their CRHC Project Application.

Please note: To be eligible for this funding, organizations must engage in a capacity review process to meet all HUD eligibility requirements and demonstrate experience in managing federal grants, possess a valid DUNS (DATA Universal Numbering System) number, complete or renew their registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) website, and engage as an active collaborative agency with the CRHC. Go to www.SAM.gov for SAM information. Eligible project applicants must be nonprofit organizations in good standing, States, local governments, or instrumentalities of State and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE, or public housing agencies. For-profit entities are not eligible.